

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-20 and 22-24 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 18 and 22-24 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 18 and 22 supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 17 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101.

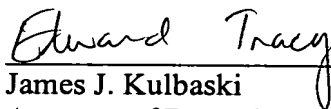
With regard to the rejection of Claims 17 and 21, Claims 17 and 21 are canceled herewith, making the outstanding rejection moot. Allowed Claims 18 and 22 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled Claims 17 and 21.

Claims 23 and 24 are amended to correct informalities.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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